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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Deidre Sanders on May 12, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 14 has been replaced with the following:

14. An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

a) an isolated nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to DNA having the complementary sequence of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 under wash conditions of 68⁰ C 0.1X SSC/0.1% SDS and incubation with rotation for 15 minutes at 68⁰ C, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule, when expressed with a polynucleotide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 and a polynucleotide encoding an IgG1 immunoglobulin constant region, encodes a polypeptide which binds hTNF α ;

(b) an isolated nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to DNA having the complementary sequence of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 under wash conditions of 68⁰ C 0.1X SSC/0.1% SDS and incubation with rotation for 15 minutes at 68⁰ C, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule, when expressed with a polynucleotide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 and a polynucleotide encoding an IgG1 immunoglobulin constant region, encodes a polypeptide which binds hTNF α ; and

c) a complete complement of an isolate DNA molecule of a) or b).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen A Canella whose telephone number is (571)272-0828. The examiner can normally be reached on 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. M-F.

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